

Council Highlights



Regular Council Meeting of May 6, 2020

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by Council. Council encourages its residents, businesses and stakeholders to keep in touch with Council news.

Revised 2020 Budget

The Revised 2020 Budget and 2020-2022 Business Plan was approved to include a net increase of \$804,800.

The most notable changes are as follows:

- Increase of \$1.7 million for bad debt – taxes for total budget of \$4.5 million.
- Overall decrease in fuel/lube of \$275,000 based on estimated decrease in fuel prices in 2020 as well as the later start date for seasonal programs due to Covid-19.
- Overall decrease in wages and benefits of \$180,000 due to changes in seasonal staff as well as fulltime staff in Public Works and ASB.
- Increase of \$72,000 in Economic Development for the Broadband project (\$42,000) and Battle River Innovation Centre funding (\$30,000).
- Revised capital budgets for bridges (\$513,900) and hamlet infrastructure (\$310,500) to include 2019 incomplete projects to be completed in 2020 utilizing grant funding.
- Decrease of \$1.0 million allocated for future Road Construction Reserve.
- Increase of \$600,000 allocated for Mill Rate Stabilization Reserve.
- Utilization of \$2,036,000 MSI and Federal Gas Tax grant funding for all capital infrastructure projects instead of reserves.

This document will be available on the Flagstaff County Website.

Bylaws

Council approved the following bylaws:

- Bylaw 03/20 to establish Intermunicipal Assessment Review Boards
- Bylaw 07/20 for the establishment of Residential Assessment Sub-Classes
- Bylaw 08/20 to authorize rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within Flagstaff County for 2020.
- Bylaw 09/20 for the establishment of Tax Penalty and Tax Installment Payment Plan

Appointment of Agricultural Fieldman

Council appointed Harry Brook as the Agricultural Fieldman for Flagstaff County.

Northlands BMO Farm Family Award Nomination Request

Council nominated the Chevraux Family for the Northlands BMO Farm Family Award for 2020.

2020 Weed and Pest Inspector Appointments

Mikayla Kuilboer, Leah Armitage and Blaine Welsh were appointed as Flagstaff County's weed and pest inspectors for 2020 under Section 9 (1) of the Agricultural Pests Act and Section 7 (1) of the Weed Control Act.

Camrose Economic Recovery Task Force

Councillor Herle was appointed as a representative to assist MLA Lovely in striking an Economic Recovery Task Force for the Camrose Constituency.

Once approved, the full Council Meeting minutes can be found at www.flagstaff.ab.ca under the "Council" tab and in the "Meetings and Minutes" section.